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LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT PROGRAM COMMISSIONER DETERMINATION

Re: Project Name: Norwich Shoe Apartments

Project Applicant/Awardee: Lakewood Development, LLC

SHARS ID: 20126016 Date: July 1, 2013

Pursuant to Section 2040.3(g)(5) of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (the "Division") Low-Income Housing Credit Qualified Allocation Plan ("QAP"), the Division retains the discretionary authority to award and allocate low-income housing credit to a project irrespective of its point ranking, if the intended allocation meets the following standards:

- The project is in compliance with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code");
- The project is in furtherance of the State's housing goals; and,
- The project is determined by the Commissioner of the Division to be in the interests of the citizens of New York State.

In addition, the Division must provide a written explanation to the general public for any credit award or allocation made on the basis of this section of the QAP.

The Norwich Shoe Apartments project meets the above-cited QAP standards for receipt of an award and allocation of low-income housing credit, as follows:

• The project is in compliance with the Code.

As part of the application review, the project was evaluated for compliance and consistency with both the Code and the QAP. Accordingly, the Division determined that the project, as represented in the initial application, is in compliance with the Code and the QAP.

The project is in furtherance of the State's housing goals.

The Division has determined that the project provides for the furtherance of the following State housing goals:

- Addressing longstanding community blight through the demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures near the community's Business Improvement District;
- Providing a coordinated investment with a state governmental financing partner the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD); and,
- Providing Low-Income Housing Credit financing to a project in a county which had not received such financing in more than thirteen years.
- The project is determined by the Commissioner of the Division to be in the interests of the citizens of New York State.

Based on the information noted above a determination has been made that the award and intended allocation of \$618,964 in low-income housing credit for this project is consistent with the above referenced QAP standards.

In addition, this Determination will be posted to the Division's website at http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/UnifiedFundingMaterials/2012/ in order to meet the requirement that the Division provide a written explanation of this award and intended allocation which is made available to the general public.

Commissioner Darryl C. Towns